

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** December 6, 2019  
**TO:** Certified Local Governments  
**FROM:** Melanie Holthaus, Grants Coordinator, Historic Preservation Division  
**RE:** 2020 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND GRANT APPLICATIONS

A grant application package for the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) sub-grant program, administered by the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources is now available on HPD's website at <http://georgiashpo.org/hpfgrants>; it is also being emailed directly to Certified Local Governments in Georgia. This package includes the application forms, instructions, and criteria used to evaluate grant applications for survey and planning projects or for building or site-specific predevelopment and development projects. For the FY2020 grant cycle, projects affecting African American resources are prioritized.

The HPF grant program is structured to support local preservation efforts and to strengthen the Certified Local Government (CLG) program statewide. The National Park Service (NPS) requires that all CLGs maintain a system of survey in order to be in compliance with their CLG designation. HPD encourages all CLGs ultimately to have a community-wide historic resources survey. Each CLG is classified as a Category I or a Category II CLG based on their survey standing. A Category I CLG is one that has not completed a historic resources survey or archaeological survey or updated an existing survey since 2005. A Category II CLG is one that has completed a historic resources survey or archaeological survey and/or updated their historic resources survey since 2005. Also, as a reminder, all CLGs applying for grant funding must be in good standing with HPD.

**Category I** CLGs are only eligible to apply for grants to complete or update a historic resources or archaeological survey. To check whether your city or county has completed recent historic resources survey work, please refer to the list of Georgia's historic resources surveys found at: [https://georgiashpo.org/sites/default/files/hpd/pdf/File\\_Users\\_Guide\\_Sept%202018.pdf](https://georgiashpo.org/sites/default/files/hpd/pdf/File_Users_Guide_Sept%202018.pdf). If your community has completed a survey that has not been documented on the file users guide, please contact me at [melanie.holthaus@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:melanie.holthaus@dnr.ga.gov).

**Category II** CLGs are eligible to apply for other **survey and planning** activities, such as National Register nominations, preservation planning (design guidelines, local designation reports, etc.), and information/education projects (brochures, DVDs, website development, heritage education materials, workshops/conferences, etc.). Training and workshop projects, however, must be related to an HPD program area and not be one offered already by HPD, such

as CLG training. Category II CLGs are also eligible to apply for site-specific **predevelopment** grant projects, such as historic structures reports, preservation plans, architectural drawings, and specifications or site-specific **development** grant projects for rehabilitation projects such as roof, plaster, or window repair or structural/foundation stabilization for buildings, structures, or monuments.

All grant funds are matched 60% federal/40% local and are awarded on a competitive basis. Applications are rated according to the eligibility and selection criteria. If you apply for more than one project (i.e. an archaeological survey AND a National Register district nomination), you must complete a separate application for each one.

Applications must be **postmarked on or before February 1, 2020**. Grant awards will be announced in **May 2020**. Projects may begin in **June 2020** and must be completed by **September 30, 2021**. If you have questions about the grant program, application process, or your CLG status, please don't hesitate to contact me at [melanie.holthaus@dnr.ga.gov](mailto:melanie.holthaus@dnr.ga.gov).